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1.	1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*						
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4.		The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:					
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		the drawings, sheets/fig					
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V.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-31	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-31	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-31	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 10-209304 A (Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.), 7 August 1998, full text and all drawings

Document 2: JP 9-106691 A (NEC Corp.), 22 April 1997, full text and all drawings

Document 3: JP 62-249478 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 30 October 1987, full text and all drawings

Document 4: JP 5-190807 A (Yamaha Corp.), 30 July 1993, full text and all drawings

Claims 1-9, 12-15, 19-22 and 29-30

None of the documents in the international search report disclose the feature of keeping at zero the potential difference between the source and drain electrodes of the MOS transistor for periods other than during a predetermined period in order to reduce subthreshold leakage current. Furthermore, this feature is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claims 10, 11 and 18

None of the documents in the international search report disclose the feature of connecting to the signal line one MOS transistor of a pair of MOS transistors connected to the complementary bit lines, while

maintaining the other MOS transistor in a floating state, in order to equalize the loads on the bit lines. Furthermore, this feature is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claims 16, 17, 23, 24-28 and 31

None of the documents in the international search report disclose the feature of providing a dummy MOS transistor that can impart pinch-off potential to the gate electrode, in order to electrically isolate the MOS transistor that comprises the memory cell. Furthermore, this feature is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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国際予備審査報告

(法第12条、法施行規則第56条) [PCT36条及びPCT規則70]

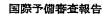
出願人又は代理人 の審類記号 310101997971	今後の手続きについては、国際予備審査報告の送付通知(様式PCT/ IPEA/416)を参照すること。			
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出願人(氏名又は名称) 株式会社 日立製作所				
1. 国際予備審査機関が作成したこの国際予備審査報告を法施行規則第57条 (PCT36条) の規定に従い送付する。 2. この国際予備審査報告は、この表紙を含めて全部で 3 ページからなる。 □ この国際予備審査報告には、附属書類、つまり補正されて、この報告の基礎とされた及び/又はこの国際予備審査機関に対してした訂正を含む明細書、請求の範囲及び/又は図面も添付されている。 (PCT規則70.16及びPCT実施細則第607号参照)				
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MI 国際出願に対する意見	国際予備審査報告を作成した日			
20.02.02 名称及びあて先 日本国特許庁(IPEA/JP 郵便番号100-8915 東京都千代田区設が関三丁目4	飯田 滑司 (订印)			





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I.		国際予備審査報	報告の基礎 			
1.	1. この国際予備審査報告は下記の出願番類に基づいて作成された。 (法第6条 (PCT14条) の規定に基づく命令に 応答するために提出された差し替え用紙は、この報告番において「出願時」とし、本報告書には添付しない。 PCT規則70.16,70.17)					
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2. 文献及び説明 (PCT規則70.7)

文献1: JP 10-209304 A (三星電子株式会社)

文献 2: JP 9-10-209304 A (三星電子株式芸社) 1998.08.07,全文,全図 文献 2: JP 9-106691 A (日本電気株式会社) 1997.04.22,全文,全図 文献 3: JP 62-249478 A (株式会社日立製作所)

1987.10.30,全文,全図 文献4:JP 5-190807 A(ヤマハ株式会社)

1993.07.30,全文,全図

請求の範囲1-9, 12-15, 19-22, 29-30 サブスレッショルドリーク電流を低減するために、MOSトランジスタのソース・ ドレイン電極間の電位差を所定期間以外でゼロとすることは、国際調査報告のいずれ の文献にも記載されておらず、当業者にとって自明でもない。

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